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SUBJECT: GRENADA WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT: MARCH 30 - APRIL 5, 2008

¶1. (U) Embassy Grenada's weekly activity report (GWAR) provides a little detail about events of interest that do not merit longer reporting at this time.

¶2. (U) Begin GWAR text:

¶A. ISPS Training

Officers of the Grenada Port Authority (GPA), Sol Gas, and Chevron participated in a two-day seminar on the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS) requirements. The GPA's General Manager stressed the seriousness of the ISPS training, adding that not complying with ISPS requirement could negatively impact Grenada's economy if ships headed to the U.S. from Grenada are stopped and inspected at sea. Grenada has been slow to take required steps to bring its ports into compliance. The facilities of the two energy companies have lagged the main port facilities.

¶B. MOU regarding deportees

Grenada Prime Minister Keith Mitchell has made gaining assistance to absorb deportees from the departing nations a major talking point with USG, and other, officials. The Grenada Broadcasting Network reported that CARICOM heads of government (HOGs) will formally seek assistance from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom to establish transition centers and programs for the rehabilitation of deportees. The HOGs meeting in Trinidad proposed developing a memorandum of understanding between CARICOM, the U.S., Canada, and the UK on the handling of deportations of Caribbean nationals convicted of crimes, dealing with adequate notification, support for reintegration, etc.

¶C. More Details on Proposed AA Deal

Grenada's tourism projects most recent investors have come together to ensure American Airlines return to Grenada. The investors have contributed towards a special US\$1.5 million fund, which will be used only when the airline must operate at a loss on the proposed Miami-St. George's route. The Grenada Advocate said that the first flight will arrive on November 15, 2008 out of Miami International Airport. It will be a daily flight with 148 seating capacity. At present only Air Jamaica flies directly from the U.S. mainland to Grenada. American Eagle flies out of San Juan, Puerto Rico daily.

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